

State of Michigan
State Board of Education

RESOLUTION

Encouraging Voter Registration of 18 Year-Olds
and
Students to be Precinct Inspectors

WHEREAS, the right to vote is among the core values and basic liberties that this nation is build upon; and

WHEREAS, the right to vote was not originally guaranteed in the Constitution to women and African Americans and was subsequently won at great personal cost to those groups; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education has established the preparation of young people to become responsible citizens as a goal of the Michigan Merit Social Studies curriculum; and

WHEREAS, Michigan has an opportunity this fall to encourage its students to be involved in the responsibilities of citizenship in a pluralistic, democratic society by registering to vote; and

WHEREAS, public service including serving as a precinct inspector is one of these key responsibilities of citizens in a democracy; and

WHEREAS, Michigan's Compiled Laws §168.677 allows for the appointment as precinct inspectors of both registered voters 18 and over and high school students aged 16 and above with permission from their schools; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Michigan State Board of Education encourage local school districts to promote voter registration of students who are 18 years old and/or those who will be age 18 by Election Day, November 4, 2008, to register to vote by the deadline date of October 4, 2008; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that the Michigan State Board of Education encourage local school districts to make information available that promotes opportunities for students to become precinct inspectors on Election Day.



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